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REMARKS

- 25X1 1. From 15 through 25 June, the Schlieffen Kaserne in Stahnsdorf only quartered a small rear detail. The headquarters building and the dispensary continued to be occupied as usual. Individual officers and EM were seen proceeding to the Siegfeld Kaserne and the officers' billets. There was no change in the status of the antenna installations; however, the three radio trucks were not seen. The barracks installation was guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered black epaulets. On 15 June Morse signals from the building in the southern corner of the installation. On 16 June about 20 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia doing close order drill without weapons. On 23 June, 12 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were observed doing fatigue duties. Truck occupied by about 15 soldiers with signal insignia left the barracks installation toward Gueterfelde.
- 25X1 2. During the reported period, also the Siegfeld Kaserne only quartered a small rear detail. On 19 June 15 men engaged in athletic exercises; on 20 June, 15 men were seen doing fatigue duties; and on 22 June, 30 soldiers practiced aiming with four machine guns at the close-combat course. At 9:40 a.m., truck occupied by one officer and eight EM including two with full equipment left the barracks installation. The two soldiers with field equipment entered the transformer cabin about 100 meters before Gueterfelde. Truck and Jeep were seen proceeding toward the barracks installation.
- 25X1 3. The Ludendorff Kaserne appeared to be only lightly occupied. The soldiers seen there wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 18 June an undetermined object, formed like a truck radiator, on a platform built on the roof of the southern block of the barracks installation. Beside this object there was another apparatus about 30 cm square with a rod mounting a flower pot-like device. a battery commander's telescope or a signal lamp apparatus covered with a camouflage net at the western gable of the block. At 8 p.m. on 20 June, a military band was heard playing. Only 10 soldiers were seen.
- 25X1 4. there was feverish activity at the installation in the night of 16/17 June. At 3 a.m. on 17 June, the first tanks, moved through Gueterfelde toward Berlin. At 7:20 a.m. on the Babelsberg-Gueterfelde highway, a unit whose soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia moving toward Berlin.
- 25X1 The soldiers wore field equipment
- 25X1 Twelve 57-mm guns were seen. At a short distance followed another unit whose soldiers also carried field equipment. 6 or 7 x 120-mm mortars, and trucks

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25X1 mounting AA machine guns. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] about 100 tanks moved through Gueterfelde-Stahnsdorf between 3 a.m.
 25X1 and 10 p.m. [redacted] 27 T-34 tanks [redacted] 25X1
 25X1 [redacted] a large number of radio trucks, ambulances, tank trucks and other
 motor vehicles. On 17 and 18 June, all military installations in 25X1
 Stahnsdorf were guarded by soldiers wearing field equipment.

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25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the barracks installation
 25X1 in Stahnsdorf was unoccupied except for a guard detail. The
 present report indicates that the signal units of the GOMG were probably engaged
 25X1 in exercises for which they must have left prior to 15 June. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] elements of probably these units were observed at the Weisse Stadt
 restricted area in Oranienburg on 21 June.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. This information probably refers to the repeatedly observed
 movements of the 1st Mecz Div to East Berlin via Potsdam-Stahnsdorf which started
 after the morning of 17 June.

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